Annexure. [See Appendix 170, Annexure No. 13]

(b) The main reasons for the increase in the prices are the gap between demand and supply of pulses, failure of monsoon in some of the oil producing areas, the overall increase in consumption of sugar coupled with the estimated low production during the year 1993-94, damage to the potatoes and onions crop in their producing areas and limited production to Gram and reduced imports.

(c) The Government has been taking appropriate measures on regular basis for containing the prices of essential commodities like setting up of an Inter-Ministerial Co-ordination Committee on monitoring the prices, availability and forecasting of selected essential commodities; reduction of the stock holding limits of producers, manufacturers and dealers of oilseeds and oils by 50% intensified action again the hoarders, black marketeers and those indulging in unfair trade practices, import of palmolein and strengthening of Public Distribution System.

Welfare of women employees working in Super Bazar

636. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that cases of exploitation of women employees in the Super Bazar are on the increase, particularly by their male counter-parts and the suppliers;

(b) if so, what are the details of action plan initiated to combat this menace;

(c) whether Government have launched any new scheme for the welfare of women employees of the Super Bazar;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the amount sanctioned for the scheme; and

(e) by when this scheme is scheduled to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). No, Sir. The Super Bazar has reported that they have not received any report from female employees regarding exploitation from suppliers. There was a complaint received in May, 92 from a female employee regarding disorderly behaviour by a security staff. The concerned official was issued a show cause notice and thereafter a recordable warning was served upon him in July, 1992.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

सुपर बाजार में महिला-कर्मचारियों के साथ अभद्र व्यवहार किए जाने की शिकायतें

637. **श्रीमती चन्द्रिका अभिनन्दन जैन:** क्या नागरिक आपूर्ति, उपभोक्ता मामले और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सुपर बाजार की आई०एन०ए० तथा चाणक्यपुरी स्थित शाखाओं में पुरुष कर्मचारियों द्वारा महिला बिक्री सहायक के साथ छेड़खानी तथा अभद्र व्यवहार करने की घटनाएं हुई थीं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान हुई ऐसी घटनाओं का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) दोषी पाए गए कर्मचारियों तथा शिकायतकर्ता के नाम क्या-क्या हैं तथा उक्त घटनाओं का तिथि-वार ब्यौरा क्या है;

(घ) सुपर बाजार के महाप्रबंधक ने दोषी पाए गए पुरुष कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध क्या अनुशासनात्मक कार्यवाही की है;

(ङ) दोषी पाए गए पुरुष कर्मचारी तथा शिकायत करने वाली महिला-कर्मचारी इस समय कहां-कहां तैनात हैं;

(च) क्या महाप्रबंधक ने ऐसे कोई अनुदेश जारी किए हैं कि सभी महिला-कर्मचारियों को केवल कनॉट प्लेस स्थित शाखा में ही तैनात किया जाना चाहिए; और

(छ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?